City Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, April 1st, 1878

The Board of Aldermen met in the Council Chamber at the usual hour, His Worship Mayor Lewis in the chair, and the following members present: Aldermen Pritchard, Smyth, Murray, Skinner, Regan, Stringer, Keenleyside, Edleston, Glass, Browne, Rapley, Christie, Vining, T. Peel, J. R. Peel, Campbell, Thompson, Williams.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and signed by the Mayor.

Communications were read—

From the Minister of Militia, intimating that the papers relating to the Park deed had been transmitted to the Minister of Justice for action. Fyled.

From A. Wallace, for drain on Horton street. Referred to Board of Works.

From Christopher McRae, and 25 others, to have Great Market street gravelled. Referred to Board of Works.

From John Bryan and others, for drain on Hill street. Referred to Board of Works.

From W. Crane and others, for gravel sidewalk on east side of Cartwright street. Referred to Board of Works.

From John Kent, for permission to move frame building within fire limits. Granted.

From J. Kirkpatrick, on behalf of Atlantic base ball club, for permission to use a portion of Exhibition Grounds for practice. Referred to Exhibition Committee.

From Thos. Davey, for remission of taxes. Referred to Finance and Assessment Committee,

From F. H. Butler and L. B. Young, on behalf of the Dominion Lacrosse Club, for use of Exhibition grounds. Referred to Exhibition Committee.

From J. A. Cousins and others, for the watering of Wellington street, from Dundas to the G. W. R. track. Referred to Fire, Water and Gas Committee.

From McColl Bros., relative to planting trees and ornamenting Park. Referred to Park Committee.

From Wm. Logan, to be appointed caretaker of Park. Referred to Park Committee.

Ald. Campbell, chairman, submitted the following report from the Finance Committee:

Your Finance Committee beg to report that they have examined the following accounts, and would recommend the same to be paid: Laing & McPherson, police clothing, $140; M. D. Dawson & Co., printing, $317; Henry Winder, rent for pound, $12.50; E. A. Taylor, stationery, $46.50; pay sheet, city officers, $2,882.50; hospital account for Feb., $503.82; fire dept. for Feb., $270.46; advertising, $29.49; exhibition grounds, Scragg's account, $15; water works, $40; police station, $18.54; incidentals, $10.57; registry office, $3.25; relief account, $108.35; City Hall expenses, $11.25; Jas. Heavy, pound rent, $12.50; accounts from scrutineers for water commissioners election—Leslie Johnston, $4; J. L. Williams, $2; W. Wilson, $2; Arthur Cook, $2; E. Fitzgerald, $2; P. O. Byrne, $2; W. J. Craig, $4; John Hunter, $2; O. Baynes, $2; H. C. Smyth, $2; E. Glackmeyer, $2; B. Higgins, $2. Total, $4,449.73.

Your Committee would further report that they have considered the resolution introduced by Ald. Powell to the Council, relative to the collecting of taxes by installments. Ald. Powell was present and submitted a communication from Mr. Samuel B. Harman, to the Toronto corporation, referring to the change in the mode of assessment and collecting of taxes there, which were read and partially considered, and the thanks of your Committee was tendered to Ald. Powell for the very useful information given, and the matter was laid over for further consideration.

The report was adopted.

Ald. J. R. Peel, chairman, submitted the following report from the Board of Works:

1st. Your Board would beg to report relative to the petitions of Mr. John Gibson, Mr. John Boyle, Mrs. Mary Simmonds and Mr. John Winnett and others, praying that sidewalks be constructed in their immediate neighborhood. Recommend that the matter be deferred until the whole city improvements are under consideration.

2. Your Board would report relative to the communication from the Police Commissioners calling the attention of this Council to the condition of the cells at the Central Police Station. Recommend that six new cells be erected, the